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TAGS: EMIN, ETRD, ID
SUBJECT: INDONESIAN REACTION TO U. S. STOCKPILE DISPOSAL
PLANS

REFS: A) STATE 081857
B) STATE 70365

1. MEDIA HAVE KEPT U. S. TIN STOCKPILE BEFORE THE PUBLIC
SINCE CONSULTATIONS OPENED IN WASHINGTON (REF B). LOCAL
NEWS THIS WEEK HAS FOCUSED ON REMARKS BY MINING MINISTER
SADLI, REGRETTING DISPOSAL DECISION IN RESTRAINED TERMS.
WITH THIS SINGLE NOTEWORTHY EXCEPTION STOCKPILE STORIES
ORIGINATED OUTSIDE INDONESIA. PRESS AND GOI OFFICIALS
SILENT ON DISPOSAL PROGRAMS OTHER THAN TIN.

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2. SEVERAL VERSIONS OF INTERVIEW GIVEN
BY MINING MINISTER SADLI ON APRIL 28 HAVE APPEARED
IN NEWS STORIES THIS WEEK. MINISTER EVIDENTLY DISCLOSED
THAT INDONESIA, LIKE MALAYSIA THA AND THAILAND, WOULD SUBMIT
A " PROPOSAL" OR " PROTEST" REGARDING USG SALES (REF A). REPORTS
EMPHASIZED HIS CONCERN AT LARGE QUANTITY OF TIN INVOLVED,
AND SERIOUS IMPACT ON INDONESIAN INDUSTRY IN PROSPECT,
PARTICULARLY IN PERIOD OF ITC EXPORT CONTROLS. MINISTER
ALLEGEDLY SAID IT WAS GOI VIEW THAT ITC " SHOULD ARRANGE
RELEASE OF THIS TIN TO THE MARKET" (MEREDEKA) SO THAT
MARKETING AND STOCKPILING, WITH MINING, MIGHT REMAIN WITH-
IN COORDINATING AUTHORITY OF A SINGLE INTERNATIONAL BODY.

3. APART FROM STORIES BASED ON SADLI' S STATEMENT, REPORTS
APPEARING ON STOCKPILE DEVELOPMENT HAVE ORIGINATED IN
WASHINGTON, LONDON, BANGKOK, AND KUALA LUMPUR - COVERING
PRICE DEVELOPMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH RELEASE DISCLOSURE,
CONSULTATION BETWEEN USG AND ITC, AND RTG/ GOM PLANS TO
PROTEST THE DISPOSAL DECISIONS.
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